

Fournier, however, dived straight into the ooze, plunged full length on the ground and shoved his mitt in front of the ball. It stuck in the glove and Jack scrambled to the bag before Lapp could make it. The score was close at that stage, and every out was needed by the Sox to stop the enemy.

This season the Sox are establishing records for playing in the face of impossible weather conditions. The diamond was bad at the start of the game and rain in the first few innings made it worse. But the game was started and carried through. The Sox need games now, with the race tight, and Rowland is a believer in active work every day to keep a team in condition.

Earlier in the season games were canceled at the Federal league park on two or three occasions because of inclement weather, but the Sox went on with the schedule.

Shaking up the Sox batting order, dropping Felsch to sixth place and putting Liebold on top, has increased the run-getting ability of the team. Happy is specializing in long smashes. Even his singles have no tinge of scratchiness about them and travel to the outfield far enough to let a runner score from second base. He is in a position to drive home runs, and is doing it.

Weeks of determined effort by the Whales have at last been crowned with success, for they are now bracketed with the St. Louis Terriers for the lead in the Federal league race. And the fast pace the North Siders have been hitting recently indicates they should be able to maintain themselves in the front rank.

Conditions at the present time favor the Whales. After a game today and one tomorrow with St. Louis they return home to stand against each club of the eastern end of the circuit. To withstand this onslaught Tinker has four pitchers in top condition, Hendrix, McConnell, Brown and Prendergast all being capable of

giving a good account of themselves. Dave Black is also ready if needed.

To this pitching strength is added an infield that is at last playing some real baseball. Zeider has gone back to second base, and does not seem bothered by his lame back. The shorter throw may be in his favor. Jim Smith is climbing steadily as a batter and has steadied in the defensive department. Fritz is playing a fine game at third and Beck is coming back at first. The outfield is and always has been the strong end of the club.

It is not likely that any additions will be made to the roster during the remainder of the season. Other clubs which have men to strengthen the locals need them too badly to make deals and there is no intention of enticing any stars away from organized baseball.

Each game McConnell pitches emphasizes what his worth would have been to the Cubs at this crucial period, when Manager Bresnahan is in dire straits for able pitching material. Long George can cope with anything in the Federal circuit, and the batting there is just as stout as in the Tener organization. His control has been good in every game.

Fritz's triple and Smith's double were the big blows that spilled Bob Groom yesterday. McConnell allowed seven hits.

Not only did the Cubs win a ball game yesterday, but Larry Cheney pitched a full nine innings, the first time a Cub pitcher has compiled such an achievement since the eastern trip was started. By losing the first game of the double bill the Cubs had been trimmed six straight and they needed the afterpiece badly.

Jim Vaughn tried to pitch the first game, but found his arm still lame. He went four and two-third innings, during which time he was clubbed for five hits and four runs. Jim could throw his curve, but seemed to lack the necessary stuff to steam up when the Giants threatened the plate. Karl